poverty and that is hard work helped by the clear sense of purpose and discipline". My Government is proud to adopt the additional motto of "Sharma Eva Jayate" promulgated by the Prime Minister in addition to the national motto of Satyam Eva Jayate.".

5. Kerala's Sixth Five Year Plan was fixed with an overall plan size of Rs. 1,550 crores. Two years of the Sixth Plan are already over and we are now at the threshold of the third year, the annual plan for which is being finalised. Because of the resources constraints, we have to practice stringent economy and tap all possible sources to carry out our programme. For this purpose the support of the Central Government is also necessary. My Government has every hope that the third year's plan will be properly funded and that all help will be forthcoming from the Central Government.

6. Committed to the eradication of poverty and upliftment of the weaker sections, my Government will give the highest priority to the implementation of schemes for the advancement of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, keeping in view the national objective of enabling at least 50% of them to cross the poverty line during the current plan period. For this purpose my Government will pursue energetic action to implement the Special Component Plan and the Tribal Sub-Plan which form a natural corollary to our Annual Plan, representing the totality of developmental efforts for these weakest of the weaker sections. We can justifiably take pride in our efforts for their educational progress. My Government now propose to place emphasis on the efforts for their economic development and improvement in their living conditions without ignoring the educational requirements.

7. To achieve this task of gigantic proportions, my Government will strive to create an adequate planning and delivery system harnessed to an efficient monitoring and evaluation machinery. As a beginning, the Harijan Welfare Department will be strengthened and re-organised. My Government also propose to take up effective measures to augment the employment opportunities for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by strictly enforcing the rules for their employment not only in Government Service but also in the various public sector undertakings.

8. My Government propose to complete all action, still pending for the full implementation of the Land Reforms Act. The question of exempting small holders of land below one hectare from the payment of arrears of pattom, the Government accepting the responsibility thereof, is also under the active consideration of my Government. Action has been going on to assign the arable forest lands handed over to the Revenue Department. This will be further expedited and my Government would like to ensure that, in all eligible cases, occupations in assignable Government land are regularised with the least possible delay.

9. My Government are also considering the re-organisation of existing Revenue units of administration, taking into account factors like population, geographical features, administrative convenience and developmental needs.

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